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EMPLOYED WITHIN A CLUSTERED NODE	)	
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 28, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced U.S. Patent application in light of the following.

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